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Dear Scholarship Committee:

Writing this letter of recommendation for Paula Tovar is an honor. I have been Paula's counselor during all four years in high school and have gotten to know her pretty well. Paula is a lovely young lady whose drive, motivation, intelligence, and grit stands above most of her peers. She is not only a great student, but a great human being. Her humility, empathy, and compassion for others can be seen in all she does. Paula is also one of the hardest working students I have encountered. Meeting her in her freshman year and seeing her now, she has grown and blossomed into a confident, charismatic, mature, and tenacious girl who is ready and equipped to move on to the next stage of her life.

In high school, Paula has performed extremely well. Being ranked number seven in a class of 728, shows her commitment, dedication, and ambition towards her education. She has been involved in several extracurricular activities, been a competitive athlete and held a job for years all while holding her grade point average steady. Paula never seems to be stressed out or anxious juggling all the balls she has up in the air at any given time. Knowing her personality, Paula will never let people see her sweat. She handles all with grace and resilience always being willing to strive a bit harder to accomplish what she desires. Her ability to set goals and meet them, allow her to be adaptable, organized, self-sufficient, and analytical about any challenges or obstacles that may get in her way. Being committed, not only to her academics, but also to several other activities truly makes Paula well-rounded and able to face whatever comes her way.

One of the most interesting things I have found about Paula is her passion for horses. Since she was in middle school, she has worked with horses in different capacities. She has volunteered at an equine therapy facility that sadly shut down during Coved. She now works at local barns braiding horses' manes and is a riding instructor. She works every day, seven days a week, which I am sure is tiring. However, she says when you love what you do, it doesn't seem like work at all. Seeing the love she has for horses and her ability to share that with others is amazing. She is definitely someone who works just as hard for others as she does for herself.

In college, Paula plans on studying either Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, or Data Analysis with a minor in Biology. She then will pursue a Master's degree, as she knows most jobs she would be aiming for require one. She has obviously researched these areas and knows exactly what it will take to be a success in her field. I have no doubt that once she settles on a particular degree, she will be focused on accomplishing all she desires. I believe strongly that Paula is a great candidate for this scholarship and hope you will consider her for the honor. I know she would be very grateful and humbled for such an award.

Sincerely,

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Counselor